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SUBJECT: DRV MFA NOTE TO DEPARTMENT

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B. STATE 71145

A. WE BELIEVE WE CANNOT LEAVE UNREBUTTED THE BLATANT

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DISTORTION OF FACT IN THE DRV NOTE. IN OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE WHICH FOLLOWS, WE (1) EXPOSE THE DRV ATTEMPT TO SET UP A SMOKE SCREEN; (2) CITE A SELECTION OF THE MORE OBVIOUS DRV/ PRG CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS, AND (3) REFUTE THOSE DRV ALLEGATIONS WHICH IMPINGE DIRECTLY ON THE U. S. SINCE IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE U. S. TO SPEAK FOR THE GVN, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE GVN PROMPTLY PREPARE A RESPONSE TO THE DRV ALLEGATIONS OF GVN INFRACTIONS.

B. YOU SHOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO GVN OUR PROPOSED REPLY TO DRV NOTE. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO SEE ADVANCE COPY OF PROPOSED GVN REPLY- OUR PLAN IS TO DELIVER OUR REPLY TO THE OTHER SIGNATORIES OF THE ACT OF PARIS ON APRIL 20.

C. TEXT OF PROPOSED U. S. NOTE AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF (BLANK) AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO A NOTE DATED APRIL 16, 1973, TRANSMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND, IT IS ASSUMED, ALSO TO THE OTHER SIGNATORIES OF THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET- NAM.

2. IN ITS NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM, ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND OCCASIONALLY ALSO IN THE NAME OF THE " PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT", PURPORTS TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET- NAM AND LODGES CHARGES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM.

3. THE UNITED STATES REJECTS AS UTTERLY GROUNDLESS THE ACCUSATIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM, AND VIEWS THIS NOTE AN ILL DISGUISED ATTEMPT BY THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM TO DIVERT ATTENTION AWAY FROM ITS OWN NUMEROUS AND EXTREMELY SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE- FIRE.

4. CONTRARY TO THE CONTENTIONS LISTED IN THE NOTE, IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE MAIN OBSTRUCTION TO PEACE CONSISTS OF THE MILITARY ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY
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THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM AND FORCES UNDER ITS

AND UNEXCUSABLE CONTRAVENTION OF THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING
THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET- NAM AND OF THE
AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND RECONCILA-
TION IN LAOS.

5. OF EXTREME CONCERN IS THE VAST QUANTITY OF MILITARY
EQUIPMENT SHIPPED CLANDESTINELY SINCE JANUARY 28 FROM
NORTH VIET- NAM INTO SOUTH VIET- NAM WITHOUT THE LEAST
EFFORT TO OBSERVE ARTICLES 7 AND 20 OF THE PEACE AGREE-
MENT OF JANUARY 27. EVIDENCE IS OVER
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